GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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Sponge Iron Plants
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sponge iron plants established both in public and private sectors and employment opportunities created therefrom in the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) whether there is any provision for grant of job reservations for the local people in the said plants particularly in backward and tribal areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH)

(a)to(c): Steel being a deregulated sector, the role of the Government is limited to that of a facilitator for the growth of steel industry in the country. Any decision relating to setting up of steel plant in the private sector, recruitment of employees for running the plant etc. are therefore, taken by the individual investors based on various commercial considerations. State wise details on number of Sponge Iron Plants in the country during 2015-16 are at Annexure. Guidelines on recruitment etc. including reservation criterion continue to apply for Public Sector Undertakings in the Steel Sector.

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